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allowing the computer system 201 to communicate with a remote computing device 250 via a local area network 258 (or such communication may be via the wide area network 239 or other communications path such as dial-up or other communications means). The computer system 201 will typically include other peripheral output devices, such as printers and other standard peripheral devices.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

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1. (Amended) A method of conducting a transaction between a buyer and a seller over a global network, the method comprising:  
  
(a) receiving a lower limit price for a product from the seller;  
  
(b) receiving an upper limit bid for the product from the buyer;  
  
(c) comparing the seller lower limit price and the buyer upper limit bid; and  
  
(d) if an overlap region exists between the seller lower limit price and the buyer upper limit bid, setting a price point for the product within the overlap region that is based on the lower limit price and the upper limit bid.

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19. (Amended) A computer system for conducting a transaction between a buyer and a seller, the computer system comprising:  
  
at least one user computer running a computer program that effects input information relating to one of a lower limit price for a product from the seller or an upper limit bid for the product from the buyer; and